

## HEAVY TRUCK BAN ON LEACH HIGHWAY

By Kelly Faulkner

Wilson residents expecting the ban of heavy trucks on Leach Highway from 1 October 2007 would have been disappointed to hear that the bans were postponed due to delays to the Perth-Mandurah Railway.

The Government has promised to restrict all large vehicles requiring Main Roads permits, as well as any semi-trailers and B-doubles over 12.5m long, from using Leach Highway between Kwinana Freeway and Albany Highway. Note that only these types of trucks will be restricted.

On 26 September 2007, Hon Adele Farina told Parliament that the commencement of restrictions were conditional on the completion of the `Southern Suburbs Railway, as the rail project is expected to reduce the number of vehicles travelling on Kwinana Freeway. This would provide additional capacity for the extra trucks that will be using the

Freeway between Roe Highway and Leach Highway. The Government now intends to introduce the restrictions 2 to 3 months after the completion of the rail project, to allow traffic patterns on the Freeway to settle.

The truck restrictions are expected to commence in the first quarter of 2008 but no actual start date could be provided. Rail services along the Perth-Mandurah line are scheduled to start on 23 December.

WRRRA has raised concerns about the delays with Ben Wyatt MLA.

Residents interested in finding out more about the restrictions can contact the Public Affairs Coordinator at Main Roads WA on 93118450.

## DUAL USE PATH UPDATE

By Geoff Rees

The Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) is currently undertaking the planning for a new dual use path between Fern Road and Watts Road in Canning River Regional Park (CRRP).

The path is consistent with a gazetted amendment to the Canning River Regional Park Management Plan, which identified the potential need to upgrade access in the area due to increased recreational demand. The path will provide improved access for visitors to the area.

Initial planning and surveying has been completed, and the project has been discussed with and agreed to by the CRRP Community Advisory Committee.

DEC will soon be seeking approval for the works from the Swan River Trust.

The construction of the path is scheduled to occur next financial year.

The route recommended by the CRRP Community Advisory Committee is shown on the map below. The jagged line is the gazetted CRRP boundary.



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